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the Title XIX cost of the changes. So ...

SENATOR MAURSTAD: But at some point in time some of these funds will be able to be used for things other than Title XXI?

SENATOR WESELY: Right, yeah.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay. So my point is, given the big picture of what our increase in the General Fund is for '98-99, I think it's important that we try to reduce as much the impact of a double digit increase in the second year. If we intend to...and I guess I'm making a statement now, Senator, thank you. we intend to eventually be able to use some of the funds that are coming in through LB 1070 for programs other than Title XXI, if we're going to do that at some point in time, it seems like to me we ought to be able to structure a way to do that at the get-go, at the beginning, so that we don't have the impact to our General Fund starting out that we do as shown now. Now I realize that the difficulty we have here, unfortunately the A bill on this is on General File, and the bill itself is on Final Reading, which of course we could return it to Select File and make...make the necessary change, which I don't think is necessarily breaching the intent of what the department and what has been brought to us, to this point. So I guess I would like for us to consider the possibility that we could completely offset the effects of LB 1063 with the funds that would be coming in through LB 1070. And so, Senator, if you'd like to comment any further on that, I'll yield you the balance of my time, and then maybe we can...we can visit about this.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. In follow-up, Senator Maurstad, we have talked about the idea. Senator Beutler has also brought the idea up, and we have talked to the department. The problem is that there is very little money coming in for a couple of years.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: But at a later point in time, we did put into the bill, and I'll show you the statutory language, the third